Illegal sending of persons abroad

†1782. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken action against agents involved in sending persons abroad illegally;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of complaints received by Government against such agents during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Strict action is taken against recruiting agents involved in sending persons abroad illegally. If any registered agent commits any irregularity, action is taken to suspend/cancel his registration certificate as per procedure prescribed under the Emigration Act, 1983 and Rules framed thereunder. If the Agents are not registered, complaints are filed with the concerned State Police Authorities for violation of Section 10 of the Emigration Act, 1983. All the States/U.Ts have also been requested to issue instructions to the Police Authorities and Deputy Commissioners/District Magistrates to sensitize them about the need to curb the illegal activities of unscrupulous agents.

(c) During the last three years, one hundred thirteen such complaints were received and prosecution sanctions were issued in sixty cases.

Emigration Amendment

1783. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government consider to initiate any effective measures against the involvement of fake recruiting agencies to avoid exploitation of women belong to poor families in Kerala seeking employment in Gulf countries;

(b) whether Government would consider to introduce any Emigration Amendment to do away with such exploitation and malpractices; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

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